

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, lines 15 to 26, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

A number of patents, for example ~~US 5.370.897, US 3.839.588 and US 1.246.425~~U.S. Patent No. 5,370,897, U.S. Patent No. 3,839,588 and GB 1,246,425, disclose ~~to subjects~~subjecting alpha-acids to an alkaline isomerisation process when producing iso-alpha-acids. However, extracts suitable for such an isomerisation reaction are mostly obtained via extraction with hexane, supercritical or liquid carbon dioxide as extraction solvents. As such extracts do not contain xanthohumol nor desmethylxanthohumol, the isomerized extracts are devoid of the corresponding prenylated flavanones. Furthermore, ~~US 1.274.678~~GB 1,274,678 discloses that when the original extract containing alpha-acids is obtained via benzene extraction, it is found essential to remove the prenylated flavonoids, xanthohumol and isoxanthohumol, as they interfere with the production process. Thus, these findings on isomerisation in alkaline medium bear no relevance to the present invention.